

TOWN OF AMENIA  
**Business Workshop Meeting**  
Thursday, March 10, 2011  
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called **Business Workshop Meeting** to order at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted and moment of silence for our brave troops serving worldwide; lost loved ones; and for families of Al McEnroe; Jim Carroll and Dr Nancy Oppenheimer.

Emergency Exits at right of town board meeting table and at rear of meeting room.

PRESENT:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Supervisor Euvrard thanked all volunteers that helped during the disastrous flooding last weekend.

Sally Leafe requested Michael Hagerty, Grant Writer to research for NYSE&G grant for energy-efficiency. Ms. Leafe commented that Wassaic residents were not notified of recent evacuation to town hall or that Red Cross was at town hall site. The Allen property is still a threat, as it was not repaired properly.

Tom Werner inquired as to protocol for emergency situation.  
Councilwoman Perotti stated that she broadcasted emergency with Marshall Miles of WHDD radio. She also stated that Channel 22 was inaccessible.

Supervisor Euvrard announced that Emergency Response meeting is scheduled for this month and issues for improvement will be discussed.

Scott Boardman, Chief of Wassaic Fire Company announced that evacuation of Wassaic residents was performed with assistance from other fire companies and Amenia Highway Department.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### Highway

Stanley Whitehead, Highway Superintendent complimented his staff for an outstanding job during the recent emergency situation. Mr. Whitehead thanked Councilwoman Perotti for coordinating the state of emergency.

### Budget Issues

Mr. Whitehead reviewed budget lines; sited ongoing discrepancies in monthly expense reports that have not been corrected; specifically 2010 Highway Fund balance; Capital Project for equipment; amount of DEC Salt Shed reimbursement to Dutchess County. Further discussion ensued with town board members.

Mr. Whitehead requested that FEMA monies in the amount of \$155,000 be returned to Highway Department budget line with town board approval.

### Water

No Report

### Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds reported that General Code will correct typo in Zoning codification, at no cost to the Town of Amenia.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea, to HIRE **Donald Smith**, as **Building Inspector** at \$25 per hour; 16 hours per week, effective March 11, 2011.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

### LAWN MOWING BIDS – 2011 Season

Supervisor Euvrard read public notice and bids were opened:

K. Elliott, Inc.	Basic \$9000	Alternate \$1500
Jeff Johnson	Basic \$8055	Alternate \$ 475
<b>Northwest Lawn &amp; Landscaping</b>		<b>Rejected</b> –received Mar 9

### **LAWN MOWING BIDS (Cont'd)**

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to AWARD **Lawn Mowing Contract** to **Jeffrey Johnson** in the amount of \$8055 for Basic; \$475 for Alternative, to include certificate of insurance.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

### **Grants**

Michael Hagerty submitted updated grant report.

Acknowledged Sally Leaf's request to research energy-efficiency grant availability.

Reported that WSP Sells has provided various cost estimates for design work for Wassaic Trail to Train project.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Enhancement**

Councilwoman Doyle announced upcoming meeting.

#### **Recreation Commission**

Councilwoman Perotti announced that a position on Recreation Commission will expire on March 31, 2011. Amenia Town Board will accept volunteer applications until April 1, 2011.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to **APPOINT** the following members to **Boards and Committees**:

Virgil Shook	Emergency Response Committee
Marco D'Antonio	Emergency Response Committee
Kevin Cassone	Enhancement Committee
Marco D'Antonio	Wastewater Committee
Virgil Shook	Water District Committee
Sallie Cavallo	Workforce Housing Board
Kevin Cassone	Zoning Board of Appeals

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

**DISCUSSION:**

Webutuck Baseball Camp sponsorship by Town of Amenia posted on Town Calendar.  
Supervisor Euvrard stated that camp **was not sponsored** by Town of Amenia.

Window replacement(s) and upgrade to boiler.

Air conditioning cost with scope of work.

Electrical upgrade requirements for auditorium and other areas in town hall.

Emergency light replacements required to meet Building Code explained by Councilwoman Perotti.

Peter Cassone's proposal for entertainment in auditorium; rental cost per square, explained by Councilwoman Riemer.

**RESOLUTION #10 PROPERTY TAX CAP**

Town Board members discussed and agreed to review and introduce Resolution at next town board meeting.

**RESOLUTION #11 OF 2010**

**A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2011, ENTITLED  
"A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA,  
'CODE OF ETHICS' BY REPEALING THE EXISTING CHAPTER 15 AND REPLACING  
IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 15".**

**RESOLVED THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED  
CHANGES AT THE TOWN HALL ON APRIL 21, 2011 AT 7 O'CLOCK PM.**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Perotti, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer that was;  
ADOPTED - VOTE

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to ACCEPT Minutes of  
Town Board Workshop on February 10, 2011 and Regular Town Board Meeting on February 17, 2011.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

**Presentation**

**Marcus Molinaro, Assemblyman** explained state budget process, proposed property tax cap, stimulus aid, state/federal spending, effective delivery of services to towns, and welcomed written mandate relief ideas to drive down costs.

**Town Board/Public Comments**

Stormwater requirements meeting mandate relief.

Wassaic Firehouse flood damage covered under FEMA

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Local events announced.

Supervisor Euvrard reported that Planning Board Chairman has submitted three (3) quotes for **Planning Board BAS Workstation** and equipment will be ordered.

**Western View Farm** – project presentation scheduled for March 17, 2011 Town Board Meeting.

**Old Amenia Landfill** Resolution to create financial accounts to be submitted by Michael Hayes, Town Attorney.

**TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Doyle reported attending the **Association of Towns** meeting in New York City. Issues discussed: updating employee manual, computer usage policy, health care costs, employees rights, long range planning. Ms. Doyle will research for a Human Resource Company to assist in updating procedures.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robert Boyles commented on Allen property, County Rte 81 drainage issues, and the need for generator at town hall in emergency situations.

Sally Leafé requested that Supervisor oversee the work improvement at the Allen property.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ADJOURN Regular Board Meeting at 9:34 pm, with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds  
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: April 1, 2011  
Approved by Town Board: April 21, 2011